

Bader Alkandery

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PROFILE

AML & Financial-Crime Technology professional with a Master's in Cyber Security & Networks (QUT, Best Paper) and CompTIA Security+. I configure and tune AML, sanctions-screening and fraud-detection systems, and bring genuine cybersecurity, GRC and cloud depth to financial-crime technology - turning regulation into rules, scenarios and controls that actually work.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Financial Crime: AML, Transaction Monitoring, Sanctions Screening, KYC / PEP, Scenario Tuning, KRI & BI Reporting

Security & GRC: Risk Assessment, ISMS (ISO 27000), SIEM (Splunk), Penetration-testing concepts, AI Governance, Incident Response

Cloud & Data: AWS, Azure, GCP, ML Fraud Detection, API Testing (SoapUI), Power BI, SQL, Python

Core Systems: Temenos T24, Siron (AML / Embargo), SWIFT MT / MX

EXPERIENCE

Senior AML Technology Officer

Bank Boubyan, Kuwait | Sep 2025 - Present

- Administer core AML & sanctions-screening platforms - business rules, watchlists, PEP and sanctions lists - to reduce regulatory exposure.
- Played a key technical role in the Temenos T24 core-banking migration and SWIFT MT-to-MX (Siron Embargo) message-migration testing.
- Tune transaction-monitoring scenarios and thresholds; produce BI / KRI reporting and a scenarios register that streamlines audits.

Founder & Cyber-Awareness / Security Specialist

CyberSphere, Kuwait | May 2024 - Oct 2025

- Founded a cybersecurity awareness & GRC venture; ran risk assessments and tailored awareness programs that measurably improved security behaviour.
- Built a structured internship program (recruited, mentored, certified) and produced branded awareness materials.

ICT Governance, Risk & Compliance Analyst

Brisbane City Council, Australia | Jan 2023 - Dec 2023

- Reduced phishing click-through from 15% to 11% via tailored simulations; maintained the ISMS and authored SIEM rules.
- Authored an organisation-wide AI-governance position paper adopted across the council.

Web Development Consultant

Freelance, Remote | 2019 - 2025

- Delivered 6+ end-to-end web/app projects; managed developers, hosting and agile delivery from consultation to support.

EDUCATION

Master of IT - Cyber Security & Networks

Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Australia | 2022

- Best Paper Award - privacy policy-to-process research (ISO 27000 series + Australian Privacy Act 1988).

Bachelor of IT - Computer Science

Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Australia | 2020

- Achieved the highest mark in the Algorithms & Complexity unit.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified: CompTIA Security+ (ce) - Google Cloud Digital Leader - (target: CAMS)

Courses: SOC (Cisco), Splunk, Penetration Testing (EC-Council), ML Fraud Detection (Google Cloud)

Languages: Arabic (native), English (professional, IELTS)